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- (1) Betensky et al, U.S. Patent No. 5,745,301, issued April 28, 1998;
- (2) Japanese Published Unexamined Application No. (A) 1-191820 (OLYMPUS OPTICAL CO., LTD.), published August 1, 1989;
- (3) Japanese Published Unexamined Application No. (A) 1-216310 (OLYMPUS OPTICAL CO., LTD.), published August 30, 1989; and
- (4) Japanese Published Unexamined Application No. (A) 9-179026 (NIKON CORPORATION), published July 11, 1997.

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- (5) Aoki et al, U.S. Patent No. 4,999,007, issued March 12, 1991; and
- (6) Ohtake, U.S. Patent No. 5,999,329, issued December 7, 1999.


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